



CAMBRIA COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

*******2017 ELECTION INFORMATION*******

Election Dates:

- Municipal Primary – May 16, 2017**
- Municipal Election – November 7, 2017**

Voter Registration Deadlines:

- Municipal Primary – April 17, 2017**
- Municipal Election - October 10, 2017**

Voting Hours: **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

All voters in line at 8 p.m.- even if the line extends outside the building – are permitted by law to vote. If you are NOT in line at 8 p.m. when the Judge of Elections announces the polls are closed, you are NOT permitted to vote.

Educate yourself as to what offices are on the ballot. This year you will see the following:

- Statewide: Supreme Court – 1 Vacancy, 2 Retentions
- Superior Court – 4 Vacancies, 1Retention
- Commonwealth Court – 2 Vacancies

Retentions appear only on the November Ballot and this list is unofficial until certified by the State:

- Countywide: Sheriff
- County Judicial: Magisterial District Judge (Three Seats)
- City of Johnstown: Mayor, Council
- Municipal: Mayors, Council, Supervisors, Auditors, Tax Collectors
- School Districts: School Directors
- Poll Workers: Judges of Elections, Majority Inspectors, Minority Inspectors

PETITION INFORMATION:

The first day to circulate and file a petition for Democrats and Republicans is **February 14, 2017**. The Last day to circulate and file a petition is **March 7, 2017**. Packets for local candidates will be available in the election office beginning February 10, 2017.

The first day to circulate and file nominating papers for minor party and independent candidates is **March 8, 2017**. The last day to circulate and file nominating papers is **August 1, 2017**. Packets for those candidates will be available in the Election office after March 8, 2017.

*****ATTENTION CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR TAX COLLECTOR*****

Any first time candidate filing a petition for TAX COLLECTOR must file a copy of a PA State Police Background Check with the petition. Tax Collectors who are running for a second or subsequent term of office are not required to file the background check.



PETITION PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CAMBRIA COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2017.

Remember

You are not permitted to collect signatures until February 14, 2017!!

NOMINATION PETITION

1. PRIOR TO CIRCULATION OF PETITION:

All blank spaces which appear on the top of the **MAIN** page of the nomination petition **MUST** be completed by the candidate prior to distribution for signatures. Type or print the name of the candidate **EXACTLY** as the candidate wants it to appear on the ballot (once your petition is filed, it cannot be changed). Derivatives of given names are permitted (Bob, Jim, Sue), nicknames are not permitted (Jr., "JJ" Sissy). Quotes " " as part of the name are not permitted

2. SIGNERS:

The first day to circulate and obtain signatures is Tuesday, **February 14, 2017**. The signer must be a registered voter in the **same county/municipality** and of the **same political party** as the candidate. (Democratic electors must sign Democratic petitions: Republican electors must sign Republican petitions.)
A signer may sign a petition for **NO MORE** than the number of candidates for each office they are allowed to vote for. (If a township is electing two supervisors, the signer may sign up to two different petitions.)
Each signer must **PERSONALLY** sign column one, print name in column two, and provide place of residence (**NOT P.O. BOX**) and date signed in appropriate columns. **NO DITTO MARKS PERMITTED – this will automatically disqualify the signature.**
The date of signing may be expressed in numbers or words (2/14/17 or February 14, 2017) signers must use their given name (Mary Jones, NOT Mrs. John Jones).
Signatures will automatically be disqualified if signed incorrectly.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR:

The Circulator's Affidavit on each petition page must be signed and notarized **after** each page is circulated. **Reminder: The circulator must be of the same party as the signers. The only exception to this rule is Magisterial District Judge.**

4. CANDIDATES AFFIDAVIT:

Write or print title of office on line provided. Complete RIGHT section ONLY; the LEFT section is for the notary. **CAUTION:** Do not sign until you are in front of a notary. Write or print election district (precinct) of candidate on line provided.

5. WAIVER OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT REPORTING AFFIDAVIT:

Complete this section **ONLY if you do NOT plan to receive contributions or make expenditures** that exceed **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** Complete RIGHT section ONLY; the LEFT section is for the notary. **CAUTION:** Do not sign until you are in front of a notary.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

All candidates filing a petition to appear on the ballot must submit a Statement of Financial Interest with the petition. The yellow copy **must** be attached to the petition. NOTE: Please read the instructions carefully as listed on the back of the cover page of the form. Do not let any blocks blank!
The white copy **must be filed with the governing authority** in which the candidate is seeking office **on or before the last day for filing a petition;** the yellow copy **MUST** be attached to the petition.

FILING FEES

Filing Fees (if applicable) can be paid by **CASH** or a **CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, MADE PAYABLE TO THE “Cambria County “** Per the PA Election Code, personal checks will **NOT** be accepted.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORTING

If you do **NOT** sign and have notarized the Waiver of Expense Account Reporting on the back of your petition, information concerning Campaign Expense Laws and Committee Appointments will be given to you upon request when filing your petition. You may also request this information prior to filing if you are planning to exceed the \$250.00 limit of receipts or expenditures or wish to set up a committee.

LOCATION FOR FILING PETITIONS

Petitions must be filed in the Cambria County Election Office, 200 South Center Street, Ebensburg, Pa. by 4:00 p.m. on March 7, 2017. Due to the number of offices open this primary, we anticipate that the number of candidates waiting to file will be greatest on **March 6th and 7th.**

It would be to your advantage to file **prior** to these dates.

***** PLEASE REMEMBER *****

THERE IS NOT A NOTARY AVAILABLE IN THE COURTHOUSE
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETITIONS ARE NOTARIZED BEFORE
YOU BRING THEM TO THE ELECTION OFFICE

NOTE: If you desire copies of the nomination petitions you are filing, please reproduce them prior to filing them with the election Office. Once filed, they become the property of Cambria County and are subject to our copying fees (\$.25 per side).

*****COPIES WILL NOT BE MADE ON THE DAY OF FILING*****

If you have any questions, please contact the Cambria County Election Office at 472-1460.